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SUBJECT: GOB REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON GAME SKIN PRICES

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1. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING RELEVANT PORTIONS OF TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (TSUS). (THE NOTATION "A" INDICATES ITEM ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNDER GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES). HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE INFORMATION ON WHOLESALE PRICES OF SKINS AND MEATS LISTED REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT TO GOB THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE "ENDANGERED SPECIES" STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS:

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A. A NUMBER OF SPECIES ON THE GOB LIST ARE LISTED AS ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THE U.S. LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES OF WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: LECHWE (KOBUS LECHE), MOUNTAIN ZEBRA (EQUUS ZEBRA ZEBRA), CROCODILE (CROCDYLUSNILOTICUS), AND LEOPARD (PANTHERA PARDUS). THESE SPECIES CANNOT BE IMPORTED INTO THE U.S. FOR COMMERCIAL

PURPOSES. THEY CAN BE IMPORTED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND

PROPAGATION TO ENHANCE THE SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT. THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT AND THE HARTMANN'S MOUNTAIN ZEBRA (E.Z. HARTMANNAE) HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO BE LISTED RESPECTIVELY AS THREATENED AND ENDANGERED. AT THIS TIME, RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE IN ELEPHANT IVORY HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFIED. ONE SPECIES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT OCCUR IN BOTSWANA IS THE GIANT SABLE ANTELOPE (HIPPARTRAGUS NIGER VARIAN). THIS SPECIES OF SABLE IS LISTED AS ENDANGERED.

B. A NUMBER OF SPECIES ON THE GOB LIST ARE ON APPENDIX II AND III OF THE CONVENTION ON TRADE IN WILD SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA, WHICH CAN BE SOLD COMMERCIALY IN THE U.S. BUT, WHICH REQUIRE EXPORT PERMITS STATING THAT THE ANIMAL WAS TAKEN LEGALLY IN BOTSWANA AND THAT IT WILL NOT RESULT IN THE DECLINE OF THE POPULATION. THESE SPECIES INCLUDE DUKER, SITATUNGA (GHANA), MONGOOSE, WEASEL (AFRICAN STRIPED AND COMMON), MOST SPECIES OF CROCODILES (EXCEPT AFRICAN SLENDER SNOUTED AND CONGO DWARF, WHICH ARE LISTED AS ENDANGERED SPECIES BUT SHOULD NOT OCCUR IN BOTSWANA), AND ALL LIONS. THE BONTEBOK ANTELOPE (DAMALISCUS DORCAS DORCAS) IS ON APPENDIX I, WHICH HAS GREATER RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE IN THE LISTED SPECIES, BUT THIS PARTICULAR ANTELOPE MAY NOT OCCUR IN BOTSWANA. CHRISTOPHER
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